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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Ricky D. Shafer

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 April 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 11-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's arguments filed 04/25/2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues that the reference to Marchant ('616) does not teach or fairly suggest a beam which exits the prism at a Brewster's angle.

The examiner disagrees and refers applicant to figures 2 to 7 along with the description thereof, wherein Marchant clearly defines Θ_B as the Brewster's angle in which the beam exits the prism.

2. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

3. Claims 16-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. The specification, as originally filed, fails to provide support for a prism having opposed first and second faces and a third face connecting the first and second faces, wherein the first and second faces are oriented perpendicular to each other, wherein the second face is a total internal reflection face in which the beam is totally internally reflected and the third face being the face in which the beam exits said prism. See page 2, lines 21 to 28 of the specification and Fig. 2 along with the associated description thereof.

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4. Claims 14 and 16-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 14, lines 1-2, "the plane of the turning prism" lacks proper antecedent basis and nexus with respect to the structure of claim 11.

Claims 16 and 17 are vague and indefinite due to the fact that the structure of these claims are organized and correlated in such a manner as to present a complete operative device for the reasons stated above.

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

6. Claims 11 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Marchant ('616).

Marchant discloses a method of turning a beam of radiation of a predetermined wavelength through an angle of 90 degrees using a prism comprising providing a prism (P) having a opposed first (the light entrance face-base) and second (the internal reflecting face-side) faces and a third face (the light exiting face-hypotenuse) connecting the first and second faces; and directing the beam of radiation into the first face at a Brewster's angle and causing the beam to be refracted and then reflected by total internal reflection at the second face and exiting the prism via the third face at a Brewster's angle, with the angles of the prism faces with respect to each other being selected so that the angle at which the beam exits the prism is about 90

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degrees offset from the angle at which the beam enters the prism. Note Figures 2 to 7 along with the associated description thereof.

7. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

8. Claims 12, 13 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Marchant ('616).

Marchant discloses all of the subject matter claimed, note the above explanation, except for explicitly stating that the prism is formed from calcium fluoride or fused silica.

It is well known to use calcium fluoride and fused silica materials in the same field of endeavor for the purpose of providing good optical performance in the ultraviolet spectrum.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the prism of Marchant to include a calcium fluoride or fused silica material, as is well known in the art, in order to provide good optical performance in the ultraviolet spectrum.

As to the limitations of claim 15, it is well known to truncate optical prisms in the same field for the purpose of reducing the overall size of an optical prism.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the prism of Marchant to be truncated, as is well known in the art, in order to obtain a compact optical element.

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9. Claim 22 is objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Applicant is required to cancel the claim(s), or amend the claim(s) to place the claim(s) in proper dependent form, or rewrite the claim(s) in independent form. Claim 22 fails to further limit the subject of claim 17, lines 3-4.

10. Claims 1-10 are allowed.

11. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.


12. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ricky D. Shafer whose telephone number is (571) 272-2320. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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July 24, 2005


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